

AGN. NO.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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A December 2003 audit conducted by Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio & Associates (TCBA) of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Budget revealed that the County seeks reimbursement for only a portion of the services the Department provides to cities. For example, the audit indicates that the County does not charge cities for homicide investigations, narcotics investigations, and gang officers. The audit indicates that the County spends over \$57 million per year for these three services, countywide, which includes costs to serve unincorporated areas, independent cities, and contract cities.

The County's decision on what to charge and not charge is primarily based on policy adopted in 1972—over 30 years ago. It is clearly time to revisit the issue.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that County Counsel, with the assistance of the Auditor-Controller, the Sheriff's Department and Chief Administrative Office (CAO), review TCBA's list of recoverable costs and confirm whether each cost could, in fact, be legally charged to cities.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the CAO, with the assistance of the Auditor-Controller and Sheriff's Department, review TCBA's list of recoverable costs and determine approximately what percentage of each of these services is used by contract and independent cities.

I FURTHER, MOVE that County Counsel and CAO report back with their findings in 30 days.

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